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DECLARATION IN AGRICULTURAL GROWTH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noted the latest NCAER report which states that there will be a declaration in agricultural growth this year;

(b) if so, the extent of reduced growth rate forecast in agriculture;

(c) whether rice production and cereal production were respectively lower by 2.1 per cent and 1.5 per cent last year;

(d) if so, the State which have shown this decline in rice and cereal production alongwith the reasons for this decline;

(e) whether any corrective steps have been taken/proposed to be taken; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The growth rate of foodgrains production during 2000-01, according to the third advance estimates as on 12.04.2001, is expected to be −6.1%. This is based on advance estimates which is subject to revision after completion of agriculture year 2000-01.

(c): The production of rice and cereals is expected to be lower by 4.4% and 5.7% respectively during 2000-01 compared to those of 1999-2000.

(d): Decline in production of rice during 2000-01 compared to 1999-2000 is expected mainly in the states of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh), Maharashtra, Orissa, UttarPradesh (including Uttranchal) and West Bengal.With regard to decline in cereal production, it is expected mainly in the states of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh),Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh (including Uttranchal) and West Bengal.The expected decline in production during 2000-01 is due to aberrant weather conditions in some parts of the states like Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa and West Bengal.

(e) & (f): To increase production and develop agriculture in different parts of the country in future, the Government has decided to switch over from the conventional Schematic approach to Macro Management mode for providing assistance to States.The scheme envisages integration of 27 schemes into one scheme for supplementation/complementation of states' efforts through work plans which will give flexibility to states to address the specific problems faced by them, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim for all-round development of agriculture.